(e) whether there is a proposal to get the matter investigated; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Sales turn over of formulations is not monitored.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) Ceiling prices have been notified for these formulations under DPCO, 1987 details of which are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the formulation and strength	Pack size	Ceiling price
1	Rifampicin and INH Caps. (450mg+300mg)	3's	9.00
2	-do-	4's	12.01
3	-do-	10's	30.00

Toxic Chemicals Lying in Union Carbide Premises in Bhopal

@4578. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be please to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Post' on the 26th July, 1988 to the effect that dangerous toxic chemicals are still lying in the premises of Union Carbide Factory in Bhopal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for its removal, to avoid untoward incidents?

@Previously Unstarred Question 4241, transferred from the 31st August, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to available information, Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) had been reporting from time to time to the appropriate authority of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, the status of materials in storage within its premises in Bhopal. In may 1986, UCIL had reported that no volatile or otherwise unusually hazardous chemicals are left and that the only chemical present in large quantity is Sevidol premix which does not constitute a hazard to anyone.

Keeping in view the fact that the UCIL plant at Bhopal has remained closed for more than three years, an Expert Team has been constituted for ascertaining the present position with reference to the inventory of items lying in the plant. Members of the Expert Team have already visited Bhopal thrice and have checked the list of inventory of all materials given by UCIL as still lying in the premises. The team has given detailed instructions for the removal of these materials from the plant premises. This is being monitored by the appropriate state authorities and representatives of Expert Team are expected to visit Bhopal again to verify the final removal of all these materials.